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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application is a Continuation of U.S. patent application number 09/ 474,368. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits.

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add a paragraph on page 1, before line 4, please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 5-6, please add a paragraph on page 5, line 6, and please replace the paragraph on page 41, lines 8-17, as shown in the attached sheet(s).

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Prior to the calculation of any fee, please cancel claims 2-21.

Please add the following new claims 22-30 as shown in the attached sheets.

FOR THE EXAMINER

REPLACEMENT SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS

Please add a new specification paragraph on page 1, before line 4:

Related Applications

This application is a Continuation of U.S. patent number _____ (copending U.S. application number 09/ 474,368, filed December 19, 1999), which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please enter the following replacement specification paragraph on page 5, lines 5-6:

Figure 14A is an example of a preferred route history report, according to the present invention,

Please add a new specification paragraph on page 5, after line 6:

Figure 14B is a continuation of Figure 14A.

Please enter the following replacement specification paragraph on page 41, lines 8-17:

Figures 14A and 14B show an example of a route history report 1400. A route history report 1400 is a summary of a vehicle's activities for a given time period. The time period can be set as any desired period, examples of the time periods include one day or one shift. The route history report 1400 can be displayed or printed either in tabular or graphical format. The invention includes provisions that allow users to switch between a tabular format and a graphical map-type format. The route history report 1400 provides the data, preferably in the form of item

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number, vehicle name, date, time, type, minutes (or the elapsed time spent at a particular location), speed, address, country (or any other political sub-division) state and ZIP code, fo the graphical route history shown in Figure 15.

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REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

22. (New) A system comprising:

a central location in communication with a remote location and receiving information from the remote location, wherein the information includes GPS information; and
a report generated by the central location wherein the report includes at least one entry.

23. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein the entry includes time information, location information and speed information.

24. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein the entry includes time information and type information.

25. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the type information includes engine start.

26. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the type information includes out of gate.

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27. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the type information includes engine stop.

28. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the type information includes extended stop.

29. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the type information includes low battery.

30. (New) The system according to claim 24, wherein the type information includes back to barn.

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to any examination on the merits.

Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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Attachment: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made To Specification

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

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Figure 14 B is a continuation of Figure 14 A.

Page 41, lines 8-17:

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